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REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 6504

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"AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL WELFARE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 2 internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, shall convene a working group to develop a recommendation on how to implement a program in which therapy dogs would be subject to discounted licensing costs or another form of recognition under the laws of the state. Such working group shall consist of the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, and the following members, as selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture: (1) A representative of the American Kennel Club, (2) a therapy animal handler, and (3) a representative of the Town Clerks' Association. Not later than February 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall submit such working group's recommendation to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment."

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501 from passage New section
